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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In re application of:

Joseph R. BYRUM *et al.*

Appln. No.: 09/521,640

Filed: March 10, 2000

Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other  
Molecules Associated with Plants

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Request for Oral Hearing  
Before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences

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Appellants hereby request an oral hearing before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in the appeal of the above-identified application.

Authorization to charge the official fees for this filing is given in the accompanying transmittal letter. A duplicate copy of this Request is attached.

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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/521,640  
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Appellants: Joseph R. BYRUM *et al.*  
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Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO):

1. Request for Oral Hearing (in duplicate); and
2. Return postcard.

Please stamp the postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

Appellants request that the \$280.00 fee for filing a request for oral hearing be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.128.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Appellants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.128. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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Attachments